पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने इलाहाबाद/वाराणसी में एक रिफाइनरी की स्थापना की मांग की थी। तकनीकी आर्थिक अध्ययनों से यह स्थान व्यवहार्य नहीं पाया गया।

Defaulting L.P.G. Agencies in MP.

1185. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased *to* state :

(a) what is the number of LPG agencies which has been selling duplicate Gas cylinders to consumers in Madhya Pradesh district-wise during the last three years;

(b) the action taken against chose who have been found guilty;

(c) district-wise details of ;he source of getting duplicate gas cylinders by the agencies, and

(d) the action taken against the companies manufcturing duplicate cylinders.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NA. TURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Inspections are carried out by field staff of LPG marketing companies to detect circulation of spurious cylinders with the distributors and transporters, etc. However, it is possible to detect spurious cylinders mostly at the bottling plants, where they are crushed and destroyed. When transporters and distributors are found in possession of and sellig or circulating spurious cylinders, warning is issued to them and a penal recovery of Rs. 1,500 per spurious cylinder is made from them. The information regarding the LPG distri. butors who have been debited with penalty on detection of spurious cylinders is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Spurious cylinders are injected into the system by unidentified unscrupulous elements, after procuring the same from cylinder manufacturers. When approved and licensed cylinder manufacturers are found to manufacture and supply spurious cylinders, further procurement of cylinders from them by the Oil Industry is suspended and statutory approvals pre with drawn. Police action against such mtnufacturers and those found involved in circulation of spurious cylinders is also taken. Suspected premises are raided and offenders are arrested and supurious cylinders seized.

Purchase of cylinders has been suspended from eight cylinder manufacturers at present for involvement in manufacture/supply of spurious cylinders as follows :

1. Veejay Metal Products Private Limited Andhra Pradesh.

2. Mullur Cylinders Private Limited, Belgaum.

3. Mullur Engineers Private Limited. Halol.

4. Associated Cylinder Industries Private Limited, Jammu.

5. International Cylinders Private Limited Himachal Pradesh.

6. Punjab Gas Cylinders Limited, Punjab

7. Tirupati Cylinders Private Limited, Uttar Pradesh.

8. Everest Cylinders Private Limited, Utta.. Pradesh.

Dealership of Petroleum Products from Government's Discretionary Quota

1186. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of recommendations re. ceived from MPs by the Ministry in connection with the allotment of LPG, Petroleum and SKO outlet dealership to enterepreneurs during the last two years i.e. 1992-93 and 1993-94: and

(b) how many such dealerships have been allotted from the Government's discretionary quotas with detais of the names of beneficiaries and their State-wise location ?